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### 9 FAM 42.41 NOTES

#### 1. Summary of Changes

This CT updates 9 FAM 42.41 Notes by combining the following sections into a single subsection that is organized more intuitively.

Old Location	Old Title	New Location	New Title
9 FAM 42.41 N4.2-4	Marriage of Persons Under the Age of 18	9 FAM 42.41 N4.2.-3	Marriage of Persons Under the Age of 18
9 FAM 42.41 N4.2.-3	Consular Officers Authorized to Approve I-600, I-360, or Certain I-130 Petitions	9 FAM 42.41 N4.2-4	Consular Officers Authorized to Approve I-600, I-360, or Certain I-130 Petitions
9 FAM 42.41 N4.2-5	Adjudicating National Interest, Emergent Or Humanitarian Cases	9 FAM 42.41 N4.2-4	Consular Officers Authorized to Approve I-600, I-360, or Certain I-130 Petitions
9 FAM 42.41 N4. 2-6	Adjudicating Form I-600, Petition to Classify Orphan as an Immediate Relative	9 FAM 42.41 N4.2-4	Consular Officers Authorized to Approve I-600, I-360, or Certain I-130 Petitions
9 FAM 42.41	Adjudicating	9 FAM 42.41	Consular Officers

N4.2-7	Exceptional Circumstance I-130 Cases	N4.2-4	Authorized to Approve I-600, I-360, or Certain I-130 Petitions
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2. If this issuance changed less than half the words, we formatted the changed text in *dark magenta italic*. If this issuance changed more than half the words, we did not use *dark magenta italic*. The CT line in each section shows when that section last changed.
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